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DOD FOR PER DIEM TRAVEL AND TR ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE

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TAGS: ALLOW, AFSP

SUBJECT: TRAVEL PER DIEM ALLOWANCE - CHILE

REF: DOD 1450, 2/3/76

1. APPARENTLY, DECISION TO REDUCE TRAVEL PER DIEM FOR CHILE BASED SOLELY ON EIGHT-MONTH OLD DATA SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY VIA FORM DSP-23 AND THE LATEST RATE OF EXCHANGE.

2. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DURING THE PERIOD JULY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1975 (COMPLETE DATA FOR JANUARY, 1976 NOT YET AVAILABLE, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND THE VALUE OF THE CHILEAN PESO CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

CONSUMER PRICE INCR. CHILEAN PESO DEVALUED

63.1 PC (INCREASE) 54.5 PC

ACCORDING TO FOREGOING FIGURES, THE NET INCREASE IN COSTS AMOUNTED TO 8.6 PC. HOWEVER, IT IS MOST PROBABLE THAT HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COSTS INCREASED AT MUCH FASTER RATE THAN THE OVERALL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DECISION REGARDING REDUCTION IN CHILE'S TRAVEL PER DIEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL RECEIPT OF OUR NEXT REGULAR REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED IN APRIL, 1976.

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4. PLEASE REPLY TELEGRAPHICALLY.

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